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c. 1900-1905

Peoples Bank of Somerset
Princess Anne
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The single-story neo-classical brick and stone building that stands on the south side of Prince William Street across from the courthouse was built for the Peoples Bank of Somerset during the early years of the twentieth century. Similar to the courthouse, dark red brick contrasts with the sandstone columns and trim that highlight the window and door openings. The temple-front bank rests on a granite foundation.

Established in 1895, the Peoples Bank of Somerset was organized by Oliver T. Beauchamp, Hampden P. Dashiell, and Robert F. Duer. In the same year, B. Frank Lankford sold, to the Peoples Bank for \$500 the building and lot which the bank utilized until construction of the brick structure. After the bank closed in 1933, the building has been used as the Somerset County Department of Health, and more recently, as the Somerset County Commissioners office.

BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPH

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145 STATE **Maryland**
COUNTY **Somerset**
TOWN **Princess Anne** VICINITY
STREET NO. **Prince William St.**

ORIGINAL OWNER
ORIGINAL USE
PRESENT OWNER **Dept. of Health S. Co.**
PRESENT USE **offices**
WALL CONSTRUCTION **brick & stone**
NO. OF STORIES **1**

HISTORIC AMERICAN ARCHITECTURE
INVENTORY S- 104

2. NAME **Somerset County Department of Health**
DATE OR PERIOD **1st quarter 20th Cent.**
STYLE **classical revival**
ARCHITECT
BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC **no**

The somerset County Department of Health building appears to have begun life as a banking establishment, resembling several of the early twentieth century banks in the small towns of Somerset and Worcester Counties. It is in the Classical revival style, as its neighbor, the Courthouse, and is built of mottled red brick on a granite foundation. Lighter stone trim is used throughout the facade which is three bays wide, having a central door with flanking stone ionic columns supporting a pediment. The windows on each side of the street entrance have stone jack arches flanked by brick pilasters with stone caps and bases. The cornice is also of stone, but in the rear it becomes tin. The rear windows are also modestly finished as they are not intended to be seen from the street. It is an interestingly designed and well-constructed building and should be included in an inventory of town structures which reflect the continuous history of Princess Anne.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered **no** Interior Exterior **good**



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

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